Trump Firing Defense Sec. Mark Esper Shows the Toxic Nature of His Political Maneuvers

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Trump has recently announced that he is firing Mark Esper, the Defense Secretary and replacing him with Christopher C. Miller, the Director of the National Counterterrorism Center. My speculation over the reason for this firing is that Esper was opposed to Trump using military troops to put down the rioting and looting following George Floyd's death. This was a bad decision on Trump's part, mainly because the majority of Americans are not keen on destructive violence in the name of ending pretend police brutality. Nor are most black people opposed to the police, polls later showed the opposite in fact. The majority of blacks wanted the same or more funding for the police, a position Biden ran with during the campaign, pissing off White liberals. He even chose a cop, Kamala Harris, as his running mate.

However, there is more to this firing than meets the eye. Trump, his governing strategy and his base all have a trifecta of toxic relationship, explained here by Richard Spencer:

> The Esper firing sums up well the extremely frustrating and toxic dynamic between Trump's political maneuvers and governing strategy and his fanbase.
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> Step 1: There is a decisive moment, crisis, or major opportunity Step 2: Trump talks big, takes photo-ops, and generates extreme reactions from his opponents. Step 3: Trum fails to take action, sends mixed signals, and generally bungles the opportunity. Step 4: Trump lashes out at the people who gave him bad advice … and then talks big again. Step 5: Trump's fans announce that we're about to "see the real Trump," "the gloves are off," "he'll go full bore now," etc. Rinse, repeat. I can think of countless examples that fit this patter: John Bolton and Iran, Esper and the BLM riots, reforming legal immigration, building The Wall, removing troops from Afghanistan, Covid stimulus checks… Seemingly, every consequential issue fits this pattern.
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> So we're left with this situation in which Trump, at least rhetorically, still stands as the candidate of immigration restriction, nationalism, ending wars, law and order, traditional values, etc. Yet he had clear opportunities to act decisively on all of these matters and didn't. Many say that I expect too much of Trump. And that's fair up to a point… But I never expected him to go undefeated and run up the score on his opponents. I always recognized how difficult and delicate all this was. And yes, Trump has had internal enemies galore. What I ultimately recognize is the toxic nature of Trump's presidency.
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> When you see a repeated pattern of failure, you have to move off it—and stop giving credit to the person simply because he's associated with these hot-button issues in a highly polarized political environment. Yes, it's difficult to get anything done in Washington, not to mention change paradigms. But, over and over again, Trump has had runners on second and third, and he continues to strike out—or worse, he denies that there was an opportunity to score.

Trump was also right in his instinct to quash the riots. However, the knuckleheads around him opposed it, talked him out of it and ultimately did great damage to his reelection chances:

> In the decisive period last summer, Trump failed to act. He now recognizes this obvious fact and lashes out at the guy who gave him bad advice and publicly opposed him. Way too little, too late. Regardless, suppressing the riots and looting with force was the right thing to do. Yes, it would've been highly controversial, but it might have been the type of bold, decisive action that broke through polarization and unified most of the country—and won Trump re-election.

And my point about his incompetent minions is not that Trump is unscathed in all of this. After all, he did hire this people. Instead, what I am trying to say is that Trump naturally has good instincts which are impossible to fulfil under a Republican party so bent on demoralizing White people. Trump simply has no imagination; for that fact only, he belongs in the Republican party. Republicans have no imagination, not about healthcare, or education or student loans or wars or riots or anything. They exist only to channel the angst of Whites into voting against their clear interests.

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